

forming, at the other end of each of said contacts, a first contact portion for connection to a counterpart connector, and a second contact portion being continuous with said first contact portion and formed at a tip side of said contact such that said first contact portion is exposed on one side of said fitting portion, and at least part of said second contact portion is exposed at a surface of said fitting portion on the other side of said fitting portion, fixing said first contact portions spaced apart from each other at a predetermined interval therebetween by the use of a fixing metal mold, fixing said second contact portions by the use of the fixing metal mold, and overmolding said contacts to thereby form said contacts integral with said insulator.

Claim 6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of forming a metal shell so as to cover the circumference of said insulator including said fitting portion.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5 ~~or~~ 6, wherein said contacts include a first contact and a second contact each having said first contact portion and said second contact portion, and wherein said second contact portion of said first contact is bent backward so that the tip thereof forms a U-shape, and said second contact portion of said second contact is bent forward so that the tip thereof forms an S-shape.

Claim 8. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein said contacts include a first contact and a second contact each having said first contact portion and said second contact portion, and wherein said second contact portion of said first contact is bent backward so that the tip thereof forms a U-shape, and said second contact portion of said second contact is bent forward so that the tip thereof forms an S-shape.

Claim 9. (New) The electrical connector according to claim 2, wherein said contacts include a first contact and a second contact each having said first contact portion and said second contact portion, and wherein said second contact portion of said first contact is bent backward so that the tip thereof forms a U-shape, and said second contact portion of said second contact is bent forward so that the tip thereof forms an S-shape.

Claim 10. (New) The electrical connector according to claim 3, wherein said contacts include a first contact and a second contact each having said first contact portion and said second contact portion, and wherein said second contact portion of said first contact is bent backward so that the tip thereof forms a U-shape, and said second contact portion of said second contact is bent forward so that the tip thereof forms an S-shape.